

Portland (OR) Chapter President Report May 8, 2021

LOCAL:

Newly elected and installed chapter officers' terms begin at the start of the new program year, May 1. All materials, symbols of the office, passwords, files, information, etc. must be turned over to the successor as soon as possible according to the transition plan initiated by the outgoing officer. The new officers will shadow the outgoing officers over the next month due to our ongoing conference hosting tasks. The new officers shall be fully transitioned into their new office before June 9, 2021, 60 days after they were installed. The Member Management System (MMS) have been updated as of April 29 with the 2021-2022 elected officers. Appointed officers are to be entered into the system by June 30.

Member transitions such as resignations, alumna, platinum, etc. become effective after the chapter vote and National office's action. Request for transfer and alumna status begin June 2 of each year.

CLUSTER:

Anchorage (AK) Chapter President confirmed they are donating \$500 to the general host chapter conference fund and \$500 to the service project. Tacoma (WA) Chapter has mailed their service project donation. They are also receiving and helping transport the Amazon donation items to be donated to the individuals in the homeless village. Greater Seattle (WA) Chapter donated \$1,000.00 to the community service project. The Northwest Cluster Chapters who donate towards the host chapter party will be named "Host Chapter Supporters".

AREA:

MVP Awards submission deadline is May 7, 2021. Link Natalie will share details with the chapter.

Officer nominations and elections will occur during our Western Area Conference during the first Plenary session. Our chapter will vote on the officers during the May chapter meeting and give our Delegate and Alternate to the Delegate instructions on how to vote on the chapter's behalf at the conference. The candidates are listed. All are current officers seeking re-election except the Nominating Committee. Click here to view the candidates' profiles

<https://portal.linksinc.org/imisView/BP/CandidatesForOfficeList.aspx?Type=A>

Western Area Director:
Lorna C. Hankins

Western Area Vice Director:
Karen Cole

Western Area Secretary:
Theresa Brewton Lyons

Western Area Treasurer:
Marcia L. Page

Western Area Nominating Committee:
Sandra Jackson Alridge
Rosaland Guidry Anderson
Mitzi S. Willis

Western Area Foundation Representative:
Wendolyn Washington

Several members expressed they are not receiving Area communications so even the Call to Conference may have been missed by those members. The email distribution list she will use is from those who have not “opted out” from receiving mailings. Members can opt back in. Please inform me if you are one not receiving emails from the Area. A list will be compiled and sent to the Area Director so she can get those members back into the distribution system. Our Area Director began sending weekly news April 30, 2021. The goal is for every member to receive them to stay connected and informed.

The goal is for Portland Chapter to have 100% registration as the host chapter of the 45th Western Area Conference, *"Footprints to the Future, A Whole New World"*! As a reminder, attendees will receive 1N5 credit. The 1N5 period extended a year because the 1N5 credit was not awarded for the 2020 National Assembly. Therefore, all members are in the current 1N5 period, 2018-2023. Members inducted in 2022 and 2023 will be in the next 5 year block.

NATIONAL:

The National organization's position on in-person gatherings and meetings is unchanged. The July 31, 2021 date is a reassessment date, not a hard stop. We are allowed to have a maximum of 6 people in a space at one time with masks for now but this may change. Even when members are vaccinated masks are still required.

Remember, no masks that have the chapter's name or logo, national or Area Links name or logo, the tag line, or Links terminology is to be on any masks. It is the national officers' goal to keep members and our community members safe.

Despite our remote guidelines, service hours for the 2020-2021 program year were higher than the previous year. Service looks the same for the time being. There is not any scheduling of in person gatherings or meetings for the Fall 2021. The timeline for resuming in-person is not yet set as it is according to the CDC updated guidelines.

The more robust involvement of chapter members during this pandemic has been noticed by the National Office. The executive team will identify how to incorporate more of the virtual associations into our guidelines to continue the increased level of involvement.

The updated list of elected officers need to be in MMS by April 30 annually. All appointed officers must be in place and in the chapter's MMS template by June 30 annually. Transition of elected officers must be complete 60 days after the new officers are installed.

Please attend the webinars being scheduled. There is quite a bit of programming going on at the National level and information being shared. If a webinar allows service hours then it will be stated in the announcement.

Alumnae requests are being reviewed and plan to have response to members mid May 2021.

100% Chapters were trained in the Code of Ethics in April 2021. Forms Compliance was at 98% as of April 29.

Leadership Summit will not be in October this year but will be linked to our 75 th Diamond Anniversary in November 2021. More information is to come about this celebration.

Mission Statement:

"Friends Transforming Communities Through Service"

Humbly Submitted by

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